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1. The amendment filed on 19 January 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

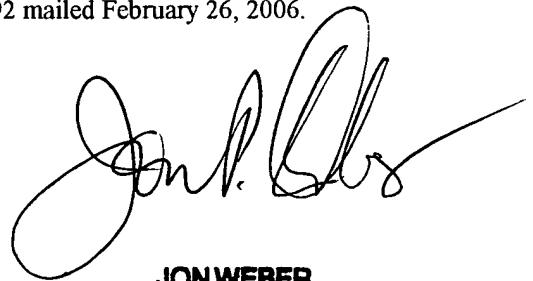
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) disapproved. See explanation below.

- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

1. The information disclosure statement filed January 19, 2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) and it lacks the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

2. The reference was cited as a courtesy on the Notice of Reference Form 892 mailed February 26, 2006.



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